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SUBJ: UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL
(PLENIPOTENTIARY) CONFERENCE ON AIR LAW AND THE
TWENTIETH SESSION (EXTRAORDINARY) OF THE ASSEMBLY OF
THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION, ROME,
AUGUST 28-SEPTEMBER 21, 1973.

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1. THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON AIR LAW AND THE ASSEMBLY
CONVENE ON THE SAME DAY AND MEET ON ALTERNATE DAYS
THEREAFTER IN EFFORT DEVISE FURTHER LEGAL MEASURES ENCOURAGE
BROADER ADHERENCE TO PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN HAGUE
HIJACKING AND MONTREAL SABOTAGE CONVENTIONS.

2. IN VIEW RECENT INCIDENTS INVOLVING CIVIL AIRCRAFT IN
MIDDLE EAST, DEPARTMENT ANTICIPATES CONCERTED POLITICAL
EFFORT BY ARAB BLOC AT ROME MEETING TO FULLY AIR ARAB-ISRAELI
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ISSUE IN ICAO CONTEXT. POLITICAL OFFICER WITH EXPERIENCE

IN MULTI-LATERAL FORA WOULD MATERIALLY ASSIST US DELEGATION
IN WHAT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE DIFFICULT MEETING.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE EMBASSY OFFICER ELIZABETH
A. BROWN DETAILED TO ROME TO ASSIST AMBASSADOR ROUNTREE,
WHO WILL HEAD USDEL, AS POLITICAL ADVISER AT THE MEETINGS
STARTING AUGUST 28. IT MAY NOT BE NECESSARY FOR HER TO
STAY BEYOND FIRST TEN DAYS. ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO
CONCURS THIS REQUEST. DEPARTMENT WOULD FUND TRAVEL AND
PER DIEM.

4. PLEASE CONFIRM BY IMMEDIATE CABLE WHETHER BROWN AVAIL-
ABLE FOR DETAIL.

5. FYI: IN ADDITION TO ROUNTREE, DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE
REPS FROM STATE (LEGAL AND ECONOMIC), FAA, DOT, CAB,
INDUSTRY AND PILOTS. END FYI. ROGERS

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